

The COUNCILER



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...serving Chicago, Blue Island, Cicero, Calumet Park, Palos, and Norwood, Stickney and Worth Townships.

1958 ANNUAL REPORT

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President's Message

WAYNE A. JOHNSTON

1958 was a significant year in achievement for the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. This brief report gives some of the facts and figures.

All-time records were established; but more important, there was good Scouting in Chicago. You can see the story of this



Scouting between the lines in every portion of these facts and figures. The building of character is more than a statistic — the training of citizenship cannot be charted — physical fitness is hard to report. Yet, all are apparent here. Despite the difficulty of financing, we were able to provide an effective and inspirational program.

The Chicago Council Executive Board is a hard-working group that meets seriously each month. We can be proud of the men who serve on that Board. Council Committees labor diligently in an effort to fulfill their responsibility to administer Scouting in this Council.

In addition, thousands of volunteer Unit Leaders, Committeemen and District personnel, working with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers of our Council, carry the program and ideals of Scouting to boys here every day of the year. All deserve the deepest appreciation of our communities and our nation.

Advancement Committee

LESLIE A. BRANDT, *Chairman*

Advancement in the Council moved ahead at a steady pace ending the year with 16,910 rank advancements in Cub Scouting; 7,557 in Boy Scouting and 1,033 in Exploring.

Two Eagle Ceremonials were held to present 308 Eagle Awards, 222 Silver Awards and three Quartermaster Awards. Twenty-one Districts held special District interviews and recognition of 86 additional Silver Awards. The Advancement Committee presented a "Certificate for Heroism" awarded by the National Court of Honor, to William Woodcock of Post 2643.

Thanks to Contributors and Campaign Workers

This Annual Report will tell you about the results we are accomplishing in the lives of boys — all made possible by the generous gifts made by you or secured through your efforts.

Your help is greatly appreciated. We thank you on behalf of our 51,505 boy members. We thank you, also, for our 17,519 adult volunteer leaders who give unselfishly of their time. Your generosity provides training for them, and camping, program, and activities for the boys under their leadership.

The Council is proud, too, of our professional staff serving so ably under the new leadership of Hal Rush. We welcomed him during the year and look forward to continued progress in our association with him.

As you review this Annual Report, I am sure you will be impressed with the tremendous accomplishments of the past year — accomplishments which represent genuine devotion on the part of men responsible for them.

The challenge of a new year ahead faces us. In these difficult times, we must be more than ever alert, to create a condition in which boys want to be Cubs, Scouts and Explorers — and can enjoy and profit by the Scouting movement.

Our accomplishments of the past indicate a readiness for the future.

The Executive Board

GEORGE L. SEATON, *Chairman*

In the past year, many adults have given much of themselves on behalf of the youth of our community. Their generous efforts have been most productive. Once again, Scouting here has reached many thousands of our boys, fulfilling their needs and their dreams.

The Executive Board of the Chicago Scout Council, made up of Members-at-Large plus the Chairman of each of our Districts, has worked hard to meet its responsibilities.

Representing the entire Scouting field, this Board is conscientious in carrying out this public trust. Faced with major decisions, the members ascertain the facts and then act decisively with the good of the boys of the Council as their measuring rod.

The members have served actively on committees. Together they have developed policy, coordinated the diverse activities that make up the Scouting program, and actively participated in making it occur.

1958 District Chairmen

During 1958 the needs and desires of our Districts were ably represented on the Executive Board by the District Chairmen elected in each District.

ARROWHEAD—Samuel L. Seltzer
AUSTIN—Dr. Harold M. Harris
BURR OAK—Arthur W. Koehler, Carl I. Cole
CALUMET—Clarence Monroe, Samuel C. Maragos
CICERO—Frank Velat, James Stephens
FOREST—Chancy C. Jerpe
FORT DEARBORN—Dr. Harold Korey
FRONTIER—Marino Gino, Hon. Alfred J. Cilella
GREATER ROSELAND—George C. Halliday, William Remo
INDIAN BOUNDARY—D. P. Woodlee, Raymond C. Anderson
IROQUOIS—Ray F. Stuermer
LAKE SHORE—Lionel Lindheimer
LAKEVIEW—Charles Strong
LINCOLN PARK—Paul Heddon, Cliff Cleavelin
MARQUETTE—William H. Ruhle
MIDWEST—George M. Lathrop, Jr.
PATHFINDER—Truman Eddy, Frank Stonesifer, Darrel D. Drolsum
PIONEER TRAILS—Roman Kosinski, Edward Wojnowski
PORTAGE—Robert Kinzig
SOUTH CENTRAL—Theodore R. Hawes
SOUTH SHORE—Fred W. German
SOUTHWEST—William Collins
SOUTHTOWN—John J. Tauss, Hon. Alfonse F. Wells
STOCKYARD—Hon. Joseph Power, Joseph Bankowski
TRAILBLAZER—Charles K. Preston, Israel Dordek
TRI-RIDGE—Harry Youngquist

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Explorer Advisors, Unit Chairmen, I.R.'s,
Executive Board, District Committees and
Commissioners.



Between
Us—
By
HAL
RUSH

You can read in this Annual Report
your Scouting achievements in 1958.

The key to any success in a volunteer
movement is personnel. The fact that we
have had a most successful year with new
heights in membership and program is a
tribute to our more than 16,000 volunteer
leaders who have served so effectively
under the leadership of our President,
Wayne A. Johnston, and Chairman
George Seaton and the Executive Board.
No community could afford to pay for
those services — and no community could
afford to be without them.

The gains shown are impressive. Their
significance is doubly gratifying because
they are accompanied by increasing evi-
dence that the ideals of Scouting are be-
coming a pattern of life for more and
more boys.

The great lesson of Scouting is caught
and taught in the Pack, Troop and Ex-
plorer Unit. To the dedicated leaders of
youth, let us pay special tribute.

I should like, also, to express apprecia-
tion to our capable and efficient executive
and office staff, and to express, on your
behalf, the gratitude and affection of all
hands to L. D. Cornell, who was your
Scout Executive during the greater part
of 1958.

The year ahead brings new challenges
with our ever-increasing boy population.
Let us all pledge our best to bring increas-
ingly better Scouting to more boys. Let
us continue to be guided and inspired by
the conviction that:

A BOY IS IMPORTANT —
HE IS TOMORROW!

Organization and Extension Committee

ROBERT D. STUART, JR., *Chairman*

The Organization and Extension Com-
mittee's job is to organize new Service
Stations for Scouting so more boys may
have the opportunity to become Scouts,
Cubs, and Explorers.

The Committee helps institutions such
as churches, P.T.A.'s, citizen groups and
service clubs become sponsors of Cub
Packs, Scout Troops and Explorer Units.

At the end of the year, we were serv-
ing a current membership of 51,505 boys.
Throughout the past year, well over
78,450 boys have been members of the
Chicago Council and have enjoyed the
benefits of Scouting. In addition, we want
to express appreciation to our 17,519
adult volunteer leaders making a grand
total membership, adults and boys, of
69,024 active registered members at year-
end.

Ambitious goals have been set for 1959
and plans have been made to reach others
in each District.

Following is the 1958 record by Dis-
tricts. Those indicated with a "star" are
on the Honor List with a plus for the year
both in boys and in Units:

1958 RECORD

DISTRICT	CHAIRMAN	BOY MEMBERS 12-31-58	GAIN OR LOSS OVER 1957	TOTAL UNITS 12-31-58	GAIN OR LOSS OVER 1957
Arrowhead	John Schwank	2659	+29	79	-7
Austin	James Tracy	1719	+166	47	-1
★Burr Oak	John Grooms	1841	+170	47	+5
★Calumet	Kenneth Schick	1801	+16	54	+5
★Cicero	William Drewer	1391	+63	47	+4
★Forest	Rocco Milano	3186	+275	70	+2
Fort Dearborn	Robert Ladewig	849	+32	30	-1
Frontier	Dan Satenstein	1900	-15	59	-2
Greater Roseland	Dr. Warren Lutton	2859	+53	107	-1
★Indian Boundary	Earl Ronneberg	3521	+53	98	+3
Iroquois	Edmund Shinton	1711	+13	60	-1
Lake Shore	Frank Marks	825	-340	46	-17
Lakeview	Tony Friedhof	1434	-33	54	-3
Lincoln Park	Clarence Koenig	1064	+38	38	-1
Marquette	George Higgins	1251	+94	41	0
★Midwest	George Boylan	1501	+224	44	+1
★Pathfinder	Joseph Makowski	2245	+71	79	+1
★Pioneer Trails	Ed Bielski	1450	+98	50	+10
Portage	Elmer Fischer	2021	+74	64	-4
★South Central	Sylvester White	2346	+117	128	+5
South Shore	Wm. F. Smith	2025	-154	65	-1
Southtown	Carl Huck	1574	+35	49	-5
★Southwest	Elias Lesko, Jr.	3221	+134	90	+10
Stockyard	Dr. J. D. Howard	2120	+33	66	-3
Traiblazer	Robert Bremer	2011	-180	55	-4
★Tri-Ridge	Hayward Gwaltney	2886	+168	75	+6
COUNCIL TOTAL	ROBERT STUART, JR.	51,505	+964	1642	+1

Boys' Life

Proving boys agree with adults that
Boys' Life is the best magazine for youth,
22,936 Chicago Council members are now
enjoying this fine reading.

Circulation in the Chicago Council has
almost tripled since 1952. Sincere con-
gratulations are due to the numerous fine
Scouters who have worked so hard to
bring the benefits of Boys' Life to our
youth.



OFFICIAL OUTFITTERS

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- 4722 N. BROADWAY
- MILWAUKEE & KIMBALL
- 4700 S. ASHLAND
- 2935 E. 91st STREET

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Finance Committee

ARTHUR WILLIAMS and BRYAN S. REID, JR.,
Co-Chairmen

We are happy to report that in 1958 Scouting was able to grow in the City of Chicago. The extra efforts of our capable volunteers provided the needed supplement to make a good record in spite of our handicap of too few staff members — with which we all are too well aware.

We closed our year \$71,354 short of our minimum budget needs. Severe adjustments were made in our operating budget which realized \$30,484, leaving a year's deficit of \$41,870 which was borrowed as a temporary necessity.

We know, through reports and surveys, that our Chicago Council is professionally under-manned in comparison to other major Councils in the country. Our average Field Staff load is now at 59 Units. The National average is 35 Units. We know that the Scouting program and its membership increases proportionately with the number of staff men available to support our devoted volunteers.

We wish to express our thanks to the following: Blue Island Community Chest, Chicago Community Fund, Cicero Community Chest, Evergreen Park Community Chest, Oaklawn Community Chest, Palos Township Community Chest, United Fund of Worth Community Chest, who have helped provide funds for our 1958 operation.

We would also like to thank Paul Guenzel, Council Treasurer; R. Arthur Williams, Finance Committee Chairman; Charles A. Bane, 1958 Campaign Chairman; Philip Rector, General Business & Industry Chairman; Fred Kohler, Districts' Chairman and Richard S. Claire, Special Gifts Chairman for their generous time in raising funds.

To all Campaign Areas and all individuals, too numerous to mention, who were associated with the many areas of the Campaign, we also wish to express our sincere appreciation.

1958 Financial Statement

Income

Contributions from	
51,186 Contributors	\$440,221.58
Endowment Fund Income	75,523.26
Allocation, Community Fund	100,560.48
Interest on Short-Term	
Investment	588.68
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$616,849.00

Expenses

Administration	\$195,289.38
Relationships and Finance	41,428.67
Records	43,558.71
Field Service	276,672.27
Training	32,819.96
Camping and Activities	68,994.94

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$658,763.93
1958 OPERATING DEFICIT	\$ 41,869.93

The \$41,869.93 deficit has been met through borrowed funds. All expenses are reviewed monthly by the Chicago Council Executive Board. Accounts are audited annually by C. F. Eigelsbock, C.P.A.

Commissioner's Report

SIDNEY WANZER, III, Scout Commissioner

The Commissioner's job is two-fold: To keep all of our Units alive and healthy and to take the Chicago Council Program to each Unit. Working with the individual Unit Leaders and Committeemen, he helps them to bring an effective program to an increasing number of boys. Conducting monthly Roundtables is a task the Commissioner Staff is proud to undertake. Here there is tangible aid to every Unit leader in items directly usable in his meetings.

Our Commissioner Staff helps our 1,642 Units and their Sponsoring Institutions make the best use of the facilities and services that the Council offers.

The Commissioners assist in the re-chartering of all Units and are responsible for our Fall Round-Up Program.

We are proud of the more than 394 members of our Council and District Commissioner Staff, and wish to thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of our boys.

Following were our District Commissioners in 1958:

Arrowhead	Ed Mokwa
Austin	Robert May
Burr Oak	Alfred Wagner
Calumet	Jerry Frazin
Cicero	William Jordan
Forest	Dr. Floyd Woods
Fort Dearborn	Ernest Childs, Jr.
Frontier	Mitchell Szady
Greater Roseland	Robert Thompson
Indian Boundary	Richard J. Sanders
Iroquois	Harry Ploughman
Lake Shore	Victor Yamakawa
Lakeview	William O'Brien

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Lincoln Park	Frank Manning
Marquette	Walter Barc, Jr.
Midwest	Irving Alenik
Pathfinder	Joseph Nieminski
Pioneer Trails	George Dodro
Portage	Harold Gulbranson
South Central	F. E. Henderson, I
South Shore	Fred Klein
Southtown	Arthur Brenke
Southwest	Charles Gettemy
Stockyard	Cecil Meyer
Trailblazer	Stuart O'Byrne
Tri-Ridge	Thomas Cafcas

Leadership Training Committee

HAROLD E. BROOKS, Chairman

The key to the success of Scouting is its informed leadership. Scouting's education program is specifically planned to meet the needs of each leader. The Chicago Council can take pride in the fact that the percentage of trained leaders is continuing to move up in spite of the great shifting of population. We now have 78.3% of our top Unit Leaders trained in their respective responsibilities — Cubbing, Scouting and Exploring.

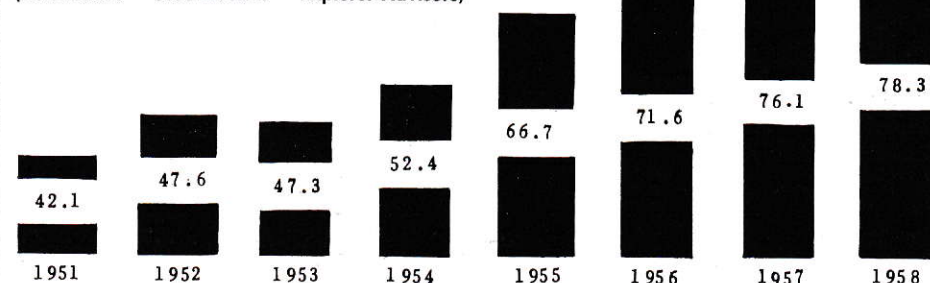
In 1958, 631 Training Courses were conducted by the training teams in our 26 Districts issuing 12,517 certificates to Scouters completing the courses. It was gratifying that 72 of our Scout Troops conducted Junior Leader Training Courses for 1,143 boy leaders. Another

41 Troops had 502 Junior Leaders participate in the Guided Experience for Troop Leaders Council at the Kiwanis Reservation learning the art of good camping by the patrol method. Valley View Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor Fellowships again produced a tremendous impact upon 418 Unit Leaders by giving them new ideas and methods in Unit program and operation.

The first Chicago Council Wood Badge Course was held at Valley View in which 28 Scouters participated in an eight-day experience of living Scouting in the out-of-doors under canvas — a mountain-top experience in Scouting. We were privileged to have John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell, England, as our guest to help initiate the Wood Badge program in our Council. A Commissioners' Training Conference gave 247 men added skills and techniques to help leaders teach boys the ways of Scouting.

PERCENTAGE OF TOP LEADERS COMPLETING BASIC TRAINING

(Cubmasters — Scoutmasters — Explorer Advisors)



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Camping Committee

THOMAS M. THOMAS, *Chairman*

Being a Boy Scout without going to camp is like studying chemistry without a laboratory. No boy's experience as a Scout is complete without the great adventure of going to summer camp.

In 1958—More than 6,000 of our Scouts and Leaders attended a long-term summer camp. See below the report by Districts. Included in this number were 1,076 Scouts and Leaders who attended Philmont, went on Wilderness Canoe Trips or took a camping tour outside our Council territory.

Architects and engineers are preparing specifications and plans for greatly improved and expanded camp facilities for the Chicago Council.

Our near-in camps were filled to more than capacity — Long waiting lists, most weeks, testify to the need for these facilities.

1,700 weekend Unit camps were conducted at Camps Dearborn, Kiwanis, Harrison and Crete. 78,000 boy-days of camping were provided at these near-in camps.

Four-hundred additional acres have recently been purchased for near-in camping. These will be developed as funds are available.

Looking ahead to 1959 — The Camping Committee is preparing for its biggest summer camp season. Many more Scouts than ever before are registered in advance for our summer camps.

More than 6,500 additional acres have been added to Camp Owasippe in 1958.

Health and Safety Committee

JAMES P. FITZGIBBONS, M.D., *Chairman*

The major Council-wide activity of 1958 was the "Safety Good Turn." Reports reveal that approximately 42,000 boys and their leaders took part.

A total of 1,126 of our Units reported safety instruction to boys and parents. More than 600 Packs, Troops and Explorer Units carried out projects in bicycle safety. An equal number painted safety slogans on sidewalks at busy street intersections. Driver reaction testing, pedestrian safety literature distribution, and window displays on traffic safety were other major features.

This was a cooperative safety campaign. Scouters were helped and guided by hundreds of volunteers from such organizations as Police Departments, Fire Departments, local safety councils, American Society of Safety Engineers, National Safety Council, Citizens Traffic Safety Bureau, Association of Commerce, Chicago Driver Training School, American Red Cross and the Chicago Park District.

Our big safety feature of the year was delivery of over one-million booklets on home safety prepared for the Boy Scouts by Civil Defense. Sears, Roebuck & Company trucks delivered four huge semi-trailer loads (16 tons), of the booklets to fire stations in our 26 Districts.

A special Chicago-wide traffic safety project was carried out on the Saturdays preceding Christmas and New Year's Day when Chicago's traffic toll is greatest. Scouts in uniform distributed 650,000 safety circulars at all major traffic intersections of the city, as designated by Police Departments in Chicago and suburbs within Council boundaries.

Activities Committee

RICHARD S. CLAIRE, *Chairman*

The purpose of the newly formed Council Activities Committee is to provide and coordinate activities and special events which motivate better Unit programs. Part of this coordination will be recommendation for scheduling which does not produce conflicts or overloads on Unit and District Leaders.

During Scout Anniversary Week in February, hundreds of activities were conducted by Units such as: special religious services, school programs, Father & Son and Blue & Gold Dinners, window displays and re-dedication ceremonies.

Examples of Council and District activities were: Philmont Trek, Gang Show, District Appreciation Dinners, Cub-O-Rees, Explorer Inspection and Ball, Scout-O-Ramas and Klondike Derbies.

Public Relations Committee

THOMAS P. MAHONEY

The Public Relations Committee had a particularly busy year. Developing a program to acquaint the many Scouting publics with the Scouting program, it took as a specific objective, the task of instilling a desire on the part of adults and boys to become active in the Scouting movement.

District Publicity Committees helped greatly by publicizing District and Unit events throughout the year in local media.

The Council Committee had outstanding success in publicizing many Council events and activities. Examples of these were the Council Finance Campaign, the 1958 Scout Anniversary, the Eagle Ceremonials and the Gang Show.

To the media, the Chicago Scout Council expresses its appreciation. A snappy Scout salute to these good Scouts whose interest and aid play so vital a part in bringing the story of Scouting to the publics of our Council.

Scout Salute to the Ladies

A snappy Scout salute to the ladies of the Council — Den Mothers and the wives of leaders — who certainly are an important part of the successful Scout story.

To you, thanks. Your help, in so many ways, is appreciated by boys and leaders alike.

LONG-TERM CAMPING — BOYS AND LEADERS

District	1957	1958
Arrowhead	308	377
Iroquois	163	106
Lakeview	196	169
Lincoln Park	89	157
Pioneer Trails	183	172
Trailblazer	102	94
Austin	162	259
Ft. Dearborn	34	85
Frontier	352	201
Indian Boundary	338	356
Midwest	110	118
Pathfinder	111	180
Portage	207	290

District	1957	1958
Calumet	208	212
Gr. Roseland	288	311
Lake Shore	136	93
So. Central	86	147
So. Shore	317	268
Tri-Ridge	376	359
Burr Oak	259	259
Cicero	195	145
Forest	191	167
Marquette	162	180
Southtown	195	178
Southwest	438	470
Stockyards	272	261

GRAND TOTAL.....5398 5614